

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Koichi ENDO, et al.

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SERIAL NO: New Continuation Application

EXAMINER:

FILED: Herewith

FOR: COMPONENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/909,902, filed 07/23/01, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**:  
**Application No.** **Date Filed**

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

**COUNTRY**  
Japan

**APPLICATION NUMBER**  
2000-221549

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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/909,902 filed 07/23/01

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
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☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

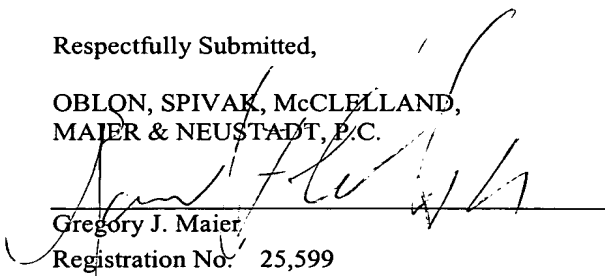
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